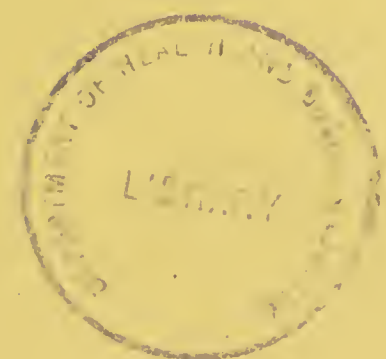


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The Health of Ventnor



1971



VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971

VENTNOR, I.W. URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1971 - 1972

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

County Hall,
Newport,
Isle of Wight

Tel: Newport 4031

Madam Chairman & Councillors,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health of the district for the year 1971.

There were more births in 1971 (101) than in the previous year (81) and the comparative birth rate (22.0) was well above the rate for England and Wales (16.0). The illegitimacy rate was only 4.9 per cent compared with a national figure of 8.0 per cent and an Island rate of 9.6 per cent.

The comparative death rate for the year was the same as for the rest of the country (11.6), the total number of deaths being 150 compared with 138 in 1970. The infant mortality rate went down from 24.7 to 19.8.

The commonest causes of death were associated with degeneration of the arteries of the brain (stroke) and the heart (coronary artery disease). It has been said that a man is as old as his arteries, but why arterial degeneration occurs earlier in particular people is far from fully understood. It is apparently associated with affluence, but affluence is not a condition many of us would admit to be suffering from, unless, of course, we have had an opportunity of visiting some of the less fortunate countries of the world.

Most of this report is statistical and a perusal of the numbers of inspections and visits made makes evident the extensive amount of work carried out by your inspector, Mr. C.A.S. Watson, who has again been particularly successful in maintaining reasonable standards of food hygiene. Thanks to the co-operation of shopkeepers and the catering trade generally, food handling premises in the Ventnor district not only look clean but are clean, although vigilance is still needed in order to take to task the occasional back-slider who fails to conform.

The Rodent Control Officer has again had another busy year. Eradicating rats and mice from the many old properties in the town is no easy task and in addition he has dealt with quite a number of insect infestations.

Refuse disposal is still by the rather primitive method of tipping but adequate supervision by your surveyor eliminates any health hazard.

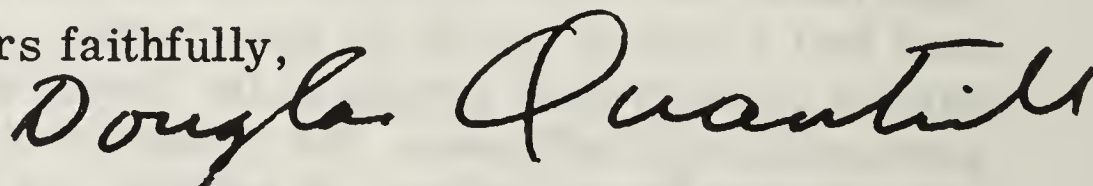
The modernisation of the drainage system serving the Bonchurch Shore area has resolved several sources of complaint.

The idea of a municipal camping site in Ventnor has unfortunately not come to fruition. In my last report I expressed the hope that Ventnor, or one of the other Councils on the Island, would provide a public camping ground and I still believe that this is the most reliable way of ensuring high standards of hygiene, sanitation and other amenities for this ever popular type of holiday.

The future of local government has been very much in our minds during the year. The impending re-organisation will see the end not only of the Medical Officer of Health but of the entire Council. No doubt there will be some of us who will continue to serve the community in a different capacity but whether or not there will be the same personal and local interest remains to be seen.

Finally, I respectfully express to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas Quantick".

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health :-

D.W. QUANTRILL, M.B., ChB., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
D.T.M. & H., D. Obst., R.C.O.G.

Public Health Inspector :-

C.A.S. WATSON, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk:-

MISS D. TOSDEVIN

Rodent Operative

N. CARR

Meteorological Statistics, 1971

	<u>Sunshine</u> (hours)	<u>Rain</u> (mm.)
January	57.4	94.2
February	97.4	21.8
March	144.1	74.4
April	173.6	55.2
May	241.5	38.2
June	195.2	179.2
July	296.0	16.3
August	154.8	88.6
September	230.6	27.1
October	169.7	52.7
November	123.0	71.7
December	43.4	26.3
	<hr/> 1925.7	<hr/> 745.7 mm., or 29.8" approx.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's figures)	6,880
Area (in acres)	58,127
Number of habitable dwellings end of 1971	2,597
Rateable Value, as at 1 April 1971	£272,965
Sum represented by 1 n.p. rate (1970/71)	£1,073

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	M	F	Ventnor Urban District	England & Wales	**
	—	—			
No. of live legitimate births	57	39	96		
No. of live illegitimate births	5	—	5		
Rate per 1,000 population (crude)			14.7	16.0	
Comparative factor			1.50		
Comparative Birthrate			22.0		
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			4.9	8.0	
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>					
No. of legitimate stillbirths	—	—	—		
No. of illegitimate stillbirths	1	—	1		
Rate per 1,000 total live and still- births			9.8	12.0	
Total Live and Stillbirths	63	39	102		
<u>DEATHS</u>					
Total no. of deaths	67	83	150		
Rate per 1,000 population (crude)			21.8	11.6	
Comparative Factor			0.53		
Comparative Death Rate			11.6		
<u>Infant Deaths</u>					
Legitimate infants under 1 year	2	—	2		
Illegitimate infants under 1 year	—	—	—		
Legitimate infants under 4 weeks	2	—	2		
Illegitimate infants under 4 weeks	—	—	—		
Legitimate infants under 1 week	2	—	2		
Illegitimate infants under 1 week	—	—	—		
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>					
Infant deaths under 1 year per 1,000 total live births			19.8	18.0	
Legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births			20.8	17.0	
Illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil	24.0	
Under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births			19.8	12.0	
Under 1 week per 1,000 total live births			19.8	10.0	
Perinatal mortality (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)			29.4	22.0	
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (incl. abortion) Rate			Nil	0.18	

** With the exception of the Death (All Ages) Rate, all other Rates for England and Wales are provisional.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach			1	1
"	"	Lung, bronchus, larynx & oesophagus	8	4
"	"	breast	-	2
"	"	intestine	3	4
"	"	uterus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate			2	-
Leukaemia			1	-
Malignant neoplasm other			2	2
Other diseases of nervous system			1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease			1	-
Hypertensive disease			-	1
Ischaemic heart disease			21	13
Other forms of heart disease			2	6
Cerebrovascular disease			12	28
Other diseases of circulatory system			2	9
Pneumonia			3	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema			1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system			1	1
Peptic ulcer			1	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia			1	1
Cirrhosis of liver			1	-
Other diseases of digestive system			-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis			-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system			-	2
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.			2	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries			1	-
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	All causes		67	83
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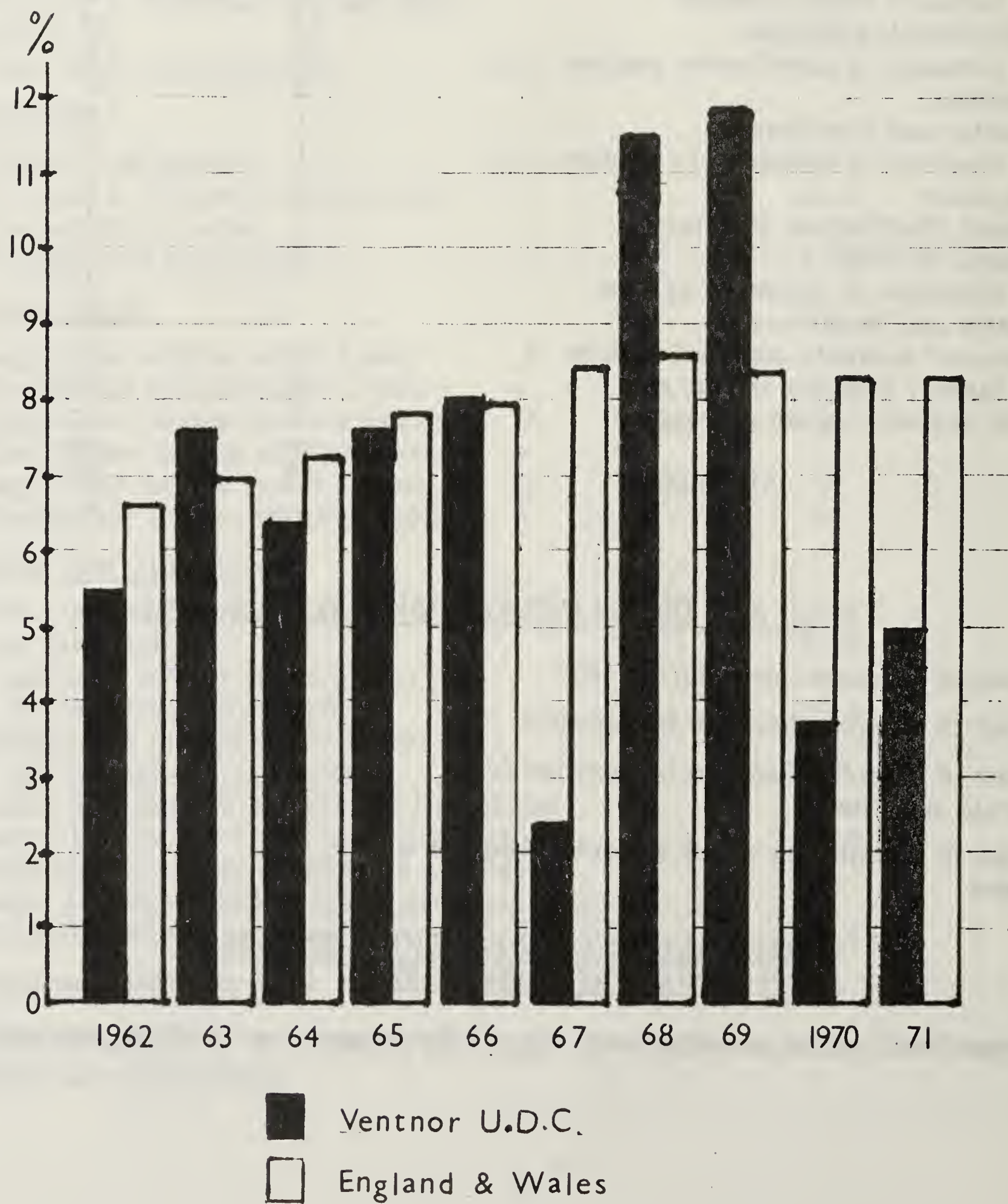
FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK & DAIRIES) ACTS, 1955

Number of samples taken during 1971	6
Number of samples found to be negative	6
Number of samples found to be positive for Tubercle Bacillus	-
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
received during the Year 1971

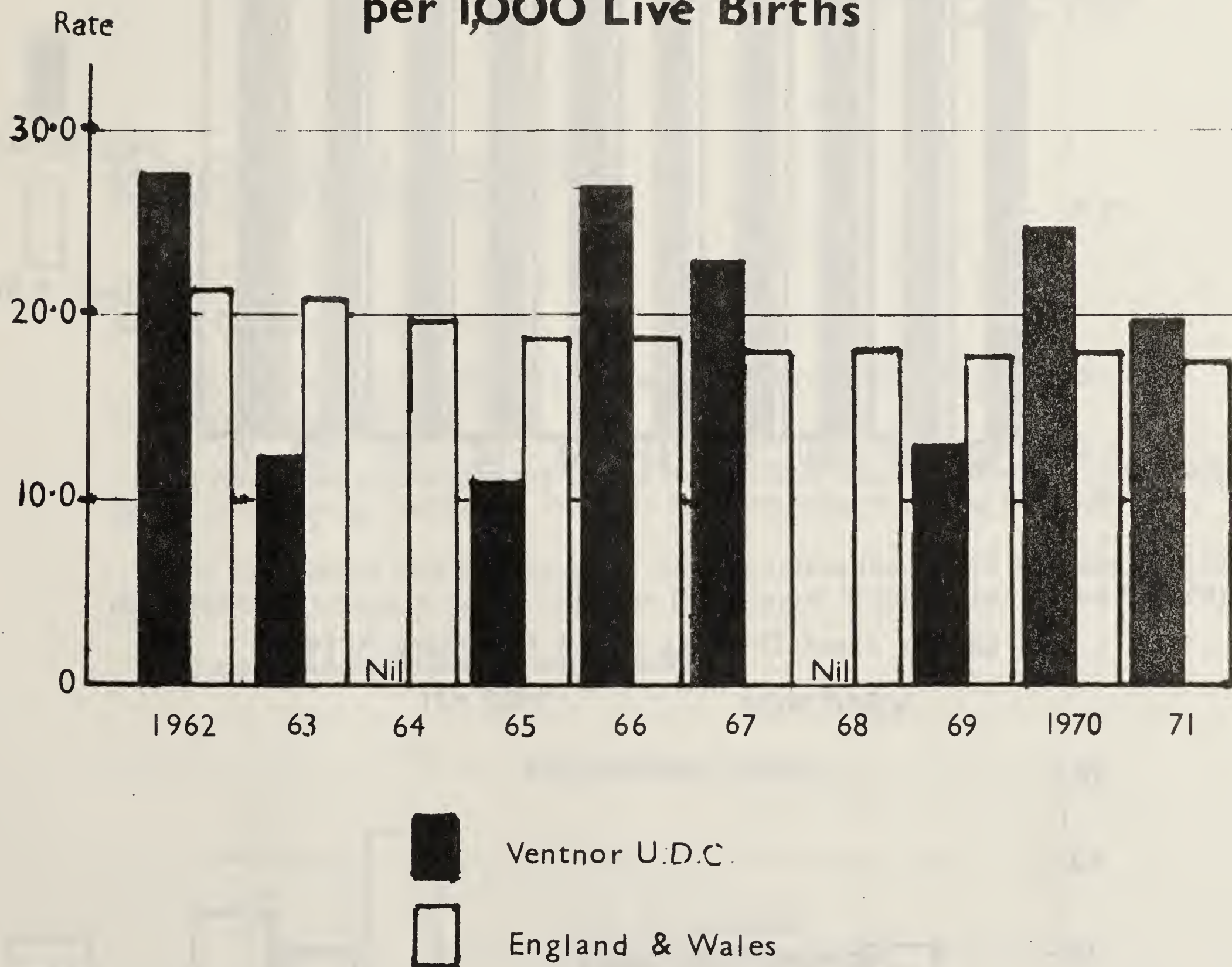
Only one Notification was received, viz. 1 Dysentery - in an infant one year of age

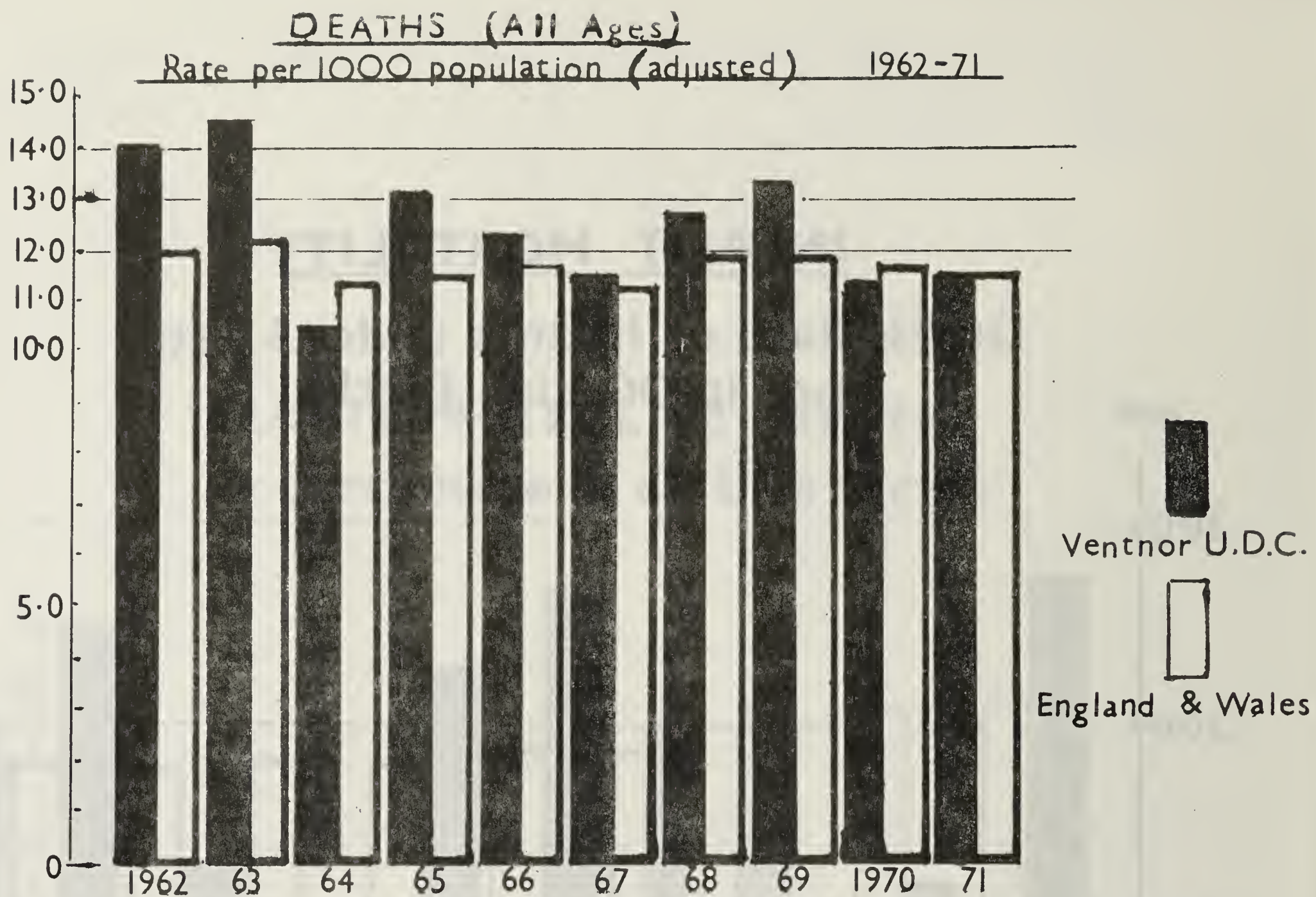
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS as percentage of all Live Births



INFANT MORTALITY

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year
per 1,000 Live Births

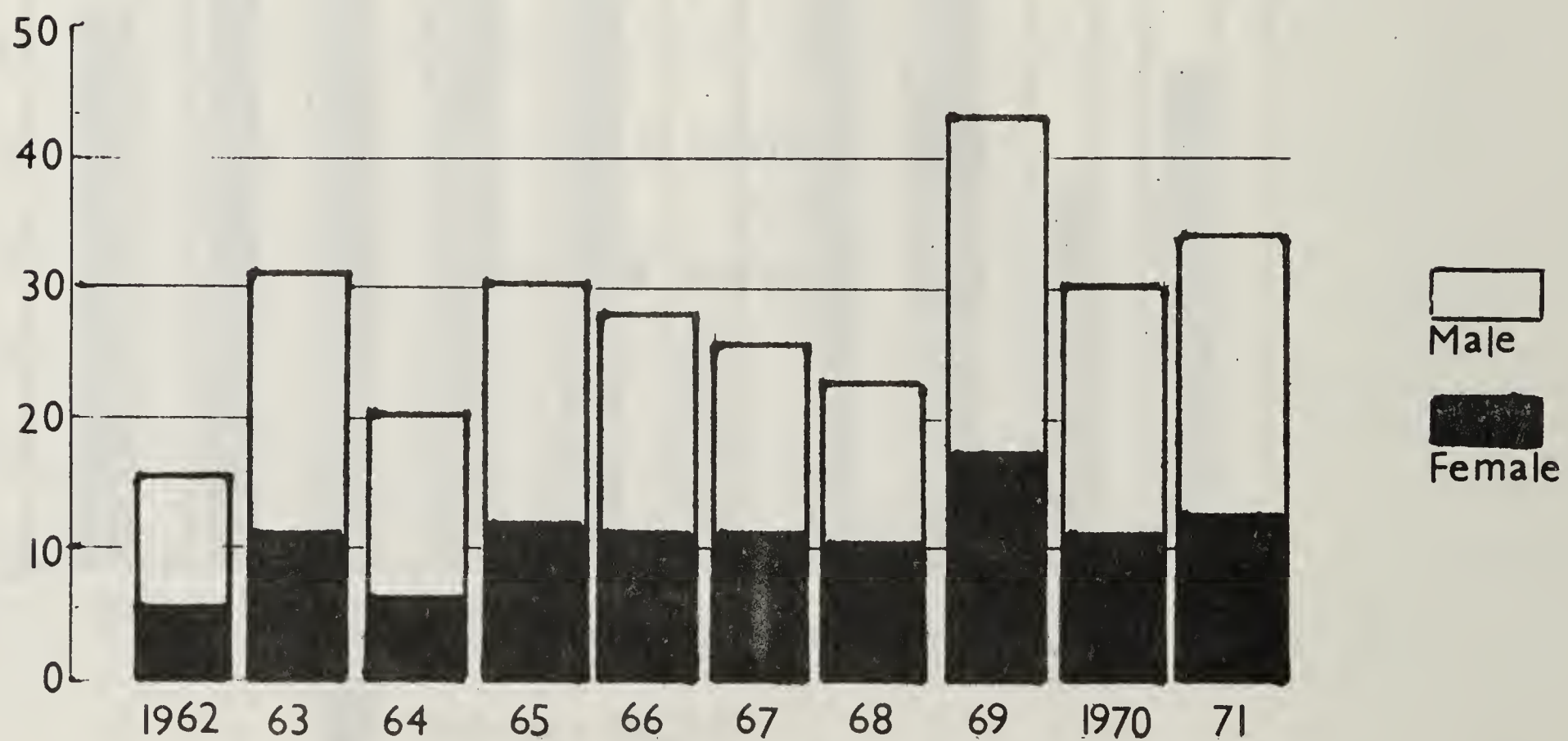




Deaths from Diseases of the Coronary Arteries

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VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Salisbury Gardens,
Ventnor, I.W.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ventnor Urban District Council

Madam Chairman and Members,

By courtesy of the Medical Officer of Health this part of his report is presented separately.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee for their help and support during the year.

In accordance with the wishes of the Committee the report has been kept to the statistical minimum required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

I am, Madam Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

C.A.S. WATSON
Public Health Inspector

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Work of the Public Health Inspector during 1971

Public Health Acts

Premises inspected on complaint	316
Nuisances observed	247
Revisits of all kinds	464
Visits to Holiday Accommodation	42
Visits to Caravans	31
Visits re Housing Accommodation	236
Visits re Water Supplies	27
Visits re Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	180
Visits re Drainage work	112
Visits to Licensed Premises	33
Routine visits	251

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

There are two caravan sites within the Urban District, the total number of caravans on the two sites being 35.

Food & Drugs Act 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

<u>Category</u>	<u>Food Premises Total No. of Premises</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg. 18</u>	<u>Regulation 21 Applicable</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg. 21</u>
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	-	-
Greengrocers	5	5	-	-
Grocers	32	32	32	32
Cafes etc.	42	42	42	42
Licenses Premises)	20	20	20	20
Full licence)				
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Hotels licensed	36	36	36	36
Private Hotels	29	29	29	29
Guest Houses	60	60 Y	60	60

Y only a limited number have been inspected

Section 18, Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 relates to provision of personal washing facilities and Regulation 21 deals with the facilities for washing food and equipment.

Regulation 21 does not apply where no open food is handled.

Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act 1955

Registered for Ice-cream

Grocers	22
Confectioners	10
Kiosks	9
Fishmongers	1
Cafes	27

Registration for the preparation of sausages

Butchers	3
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Registered for the preservation of food (by cooking)

Grocers	2
Fried Fish Shops	2
Fishmongers	1

Premises registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations 1959

Dairies	2
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UN SOUND FOOD

The following food was surrendered for destruction:-

45 lbs. 14 ozs.	Argentine Beef
24 lbs. 8 ozs.	Frozen Fish
56 lbs.	Ice Cream
15 lbs.	Cereals
8 fld. ozs.	Orange Drink
4 x 2 lbs.	Bismark Herrings (Tins)

Number of food inspections	73
Inspection of food premises	256
Walls and ceiling repaired or redecorated	31
W.C. repaired or cleansed	7
Yards re-paved	1
Dustbins	9
Equipment, floors, sinks)	
Working surfaces etc.)	33

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses represented under Section 16	6
Number of demolition orders made	3
Number of Closing Orders made	1
Number of undertakings accepted	2
Number of houses demolished	NIL
Number of houses fit as result of undertakings	1
Number of houses made fit by informal action	5

WATER SUPPLIES

(A) Public Supply

The Urban District is supplied with drinking water by the Isle of Wight River and Water Authority.

The water is chlorinated and treated and is not liable to Plumbo Solvency.

The sampling of the water is carried out at source, and otherwise by the Board and copies of the reports are supplied to the County Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector.

The total number of samples notified to the Public Health Inspector were as follows.

<u>Total Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
92	81	11

(B) Private Supplies

Five properties have private water supplies, these are regularly checked, and periodical samples are taken to the Public Health Laboratories, Portsmouth.

Two of the properties gave unsatisfactory results. A total of twenty-four samples were taken.

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS

Four Hotels, two schools and a Holiday Centre have private swimming pools which are regularly visited and samples taken.

Total taken

53

Satisfactory

50

Unsatisfactory

3

CHILDRENS PADDLING POOL

Careful attention was given to this pool during the year and the daily frequency of chlorination increased as necessary to ensure complete coverage while in use.

Total taken

14

Satisfactory

11

Unsatisfactory

3

RODENT CONTROL

The number of complaints concerning rats or mice has remained practically as in previous years, many of the complaints are found to be concerned with a stray rat or mice infestation. The total number of visits by the Rodent Operative including routine visits was 2,645.

Contract Scheme

The number of premises participating in this scheme for Rodent Control is now 66.

Infestations

Complaints of insect pests were:-

Cockroaches	21
Woodlice	3
Fleas	3
Ants	1
Beetles	5
Flies	5
Wasp Nests	48

A charge of 37p is levied in respect of each wasp nest destroyed.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistics have been supplied to the Ministry of Labour for the Year ending December 31st, 1971, in accordance with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

The details in the prescribed form (O.S.R.14) are as follows:-

TABLE A

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises Registered during Year</u>	<u>Total Number registered at end of Year</u>	<u>Number of General Inspections</u>
Offices	NIL	19	2
Retail Shops	2	73	43
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	NIL	7	4
Catering Establishments, open to the Public, Canteens	NIL	56	53
Fuel Storage Depots	NIL	3	NIL
<u>TOTALS</u>	2	158	102

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises 180

TABLE C

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	137
Retail Shops	325
Wholesale Department, Warehouses	29
Catering Establishments open to the public	492
Canteens	20
Fuel Storage Depots	7
<u>TOTAL</u>	1010

Total Males 239

Total Females 771

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection and disposal service is carried out by the Surveyor. A weekly collection of domestic refuse is maintained, and during the season a twice weekly collection of trade refuse is made from hotels and boarding houses.

Disposal is carried out by tipping on the outskirts of Wroxall. The tip is checked regularly by the Rodent Operative and has been treated when found necessary.

Spraying for flies is carried out during the summer months.

SEWERAGE

Sewer arrangements are as follows:-

Bonchurch at the Eastern end is served by (a) cesspools and (b) modern septic tank systems. The various cesspool systems serving the Bonchurch Shore area have been modernised incorporating new main drainage with a new large septic tank prior to discharge through an outfall below low water mark.

St. Lawrence in the west is partly served by modern septic tank systems and partly by discharge into a small sewerage works.

The Central area sewage is discharged untreated via a comminutor through an outfall below low water mark.

The Council operate a cesspool emptying service which has functioned very well during the year.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health:-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	23	6	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding out workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	24	8	-	-

